

Discovering Process-Variableto-Signal Relationships

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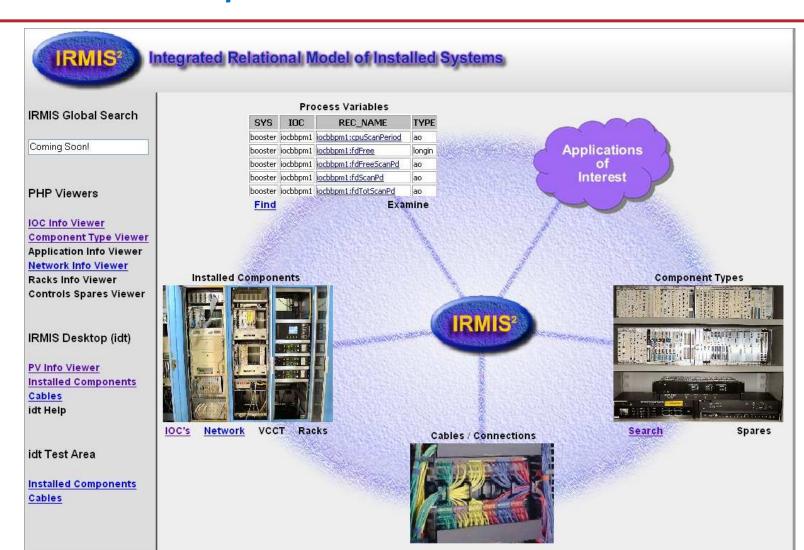






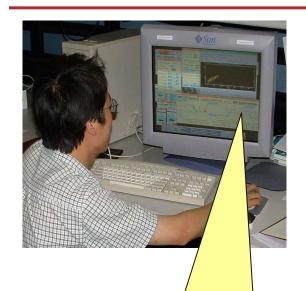


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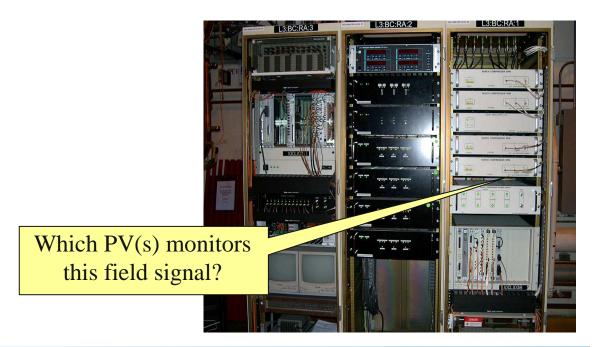


One Relationship still escapes us ... PV-to-Signal



Which field signal does this Process Variable control?

For ongoing operation and maintenance of a large accelerator facility, it is imperative to know the relationship between Process Variables and field signals. This relationship should be traceable in either direction.





Attempts to document this relationship exist, but they are either intensely manual or non-exhaustive (or both).

Selection Criteria

System	IOC	Link	Rack	Pslot	Card Type	Config	Comments
linac	ioclid2	0	1	0	1771-IFE	D	

Chassis Information

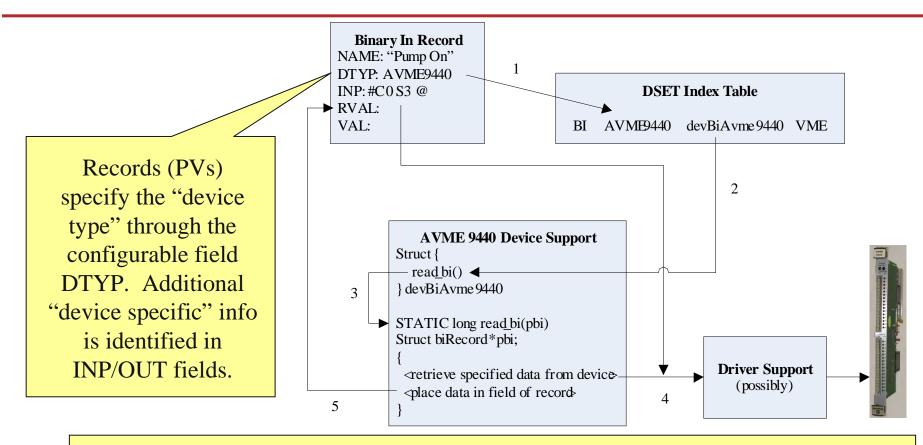
Name	Address Mode	Location
AB:Low Level RF #2	2 slot	Rack B2

Terminal Information

Terminal	Input/Output	Signal Name	Field Connection	Wire ID	Comments	Signal	PV
1	Input 0 (Ch 1) +	L2:MA:klyPos +	Attenuator Control Panel : U2-5	B2-02-RED		О	L2:MA:klyPosAI L2:IOCLID2:AB0:A1:statMI
2	Input 0 (Ch 1) -	L2:MA:klyPos -	Attenuator Control Panel : U2-6	B2-02-BLK			
3	Input 1 (Ch 2) +	L2:MA:loDrvPos +	Attenuator Control Panel : U2-7	B2-03-RED		1	L2:MA:loDrvPosAI
4	Input 1 (Ch 2) -	L2:MA:loDrvPos -	Attenuator Control Panel : U2-8	B2-03-BLK			
5							
6	Input 2 (Ch 3) +	L2:LL:psP24V +	Attenuator Control Panel : U3-1	B2-01-PR1-RED		2	L2:LL:psP24VAI
7	Input 2 (Ch 3) -	L2:LL:psP24V -	Attenuator Control Panel : U3-2	B2-01-PR1-BLK			
8	Input 3 (Ch 4) +	L2:LL:psN15V +	Attenuator Control Panel : U3-5	B2-01-PR2-RED		3	L2:LL:psN15VAI
9	Input 3 (Ch 4) -	L2:LL:psN15V -	Attenuator Control Panel : U3-6	B2-01-PR2-BLK			
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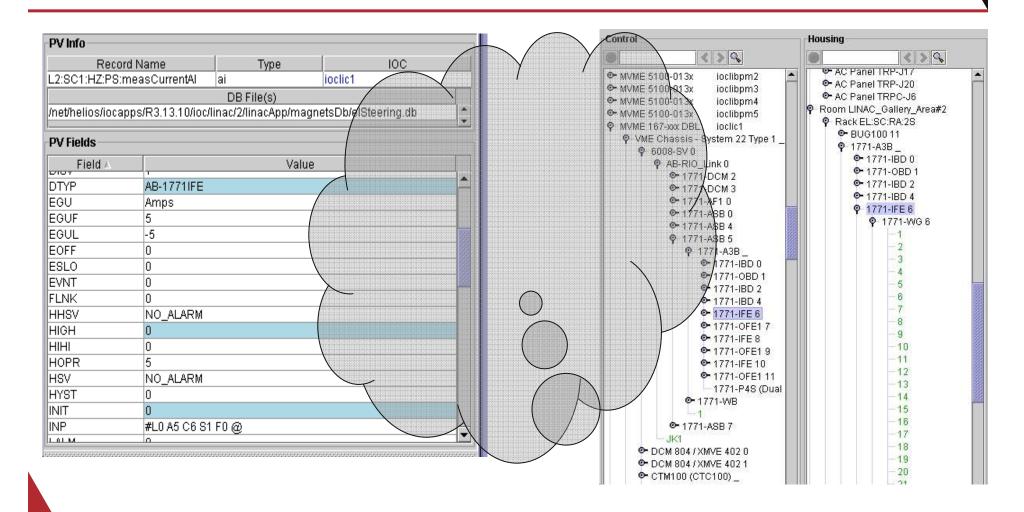
Can this relationship be "discovered" in EPICS?



Although certain specifics about the field signal location can be heuristically determined, there are no hard rules for mapping between INP/OUT and an actual device port. Due to the diverse styles of device support authorship, the PV-to-signal relationship cannot be traced with existing EPICS facilities.

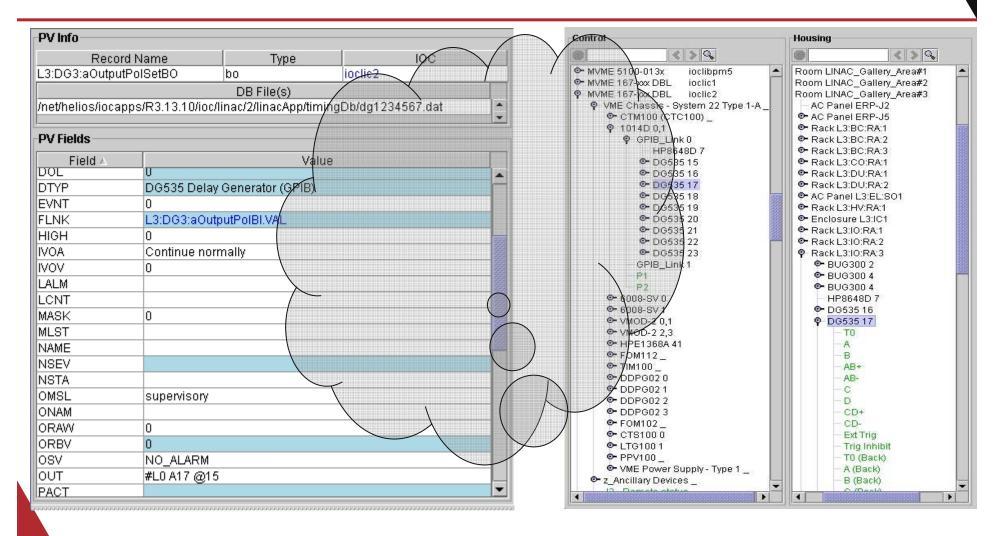


The Cloud

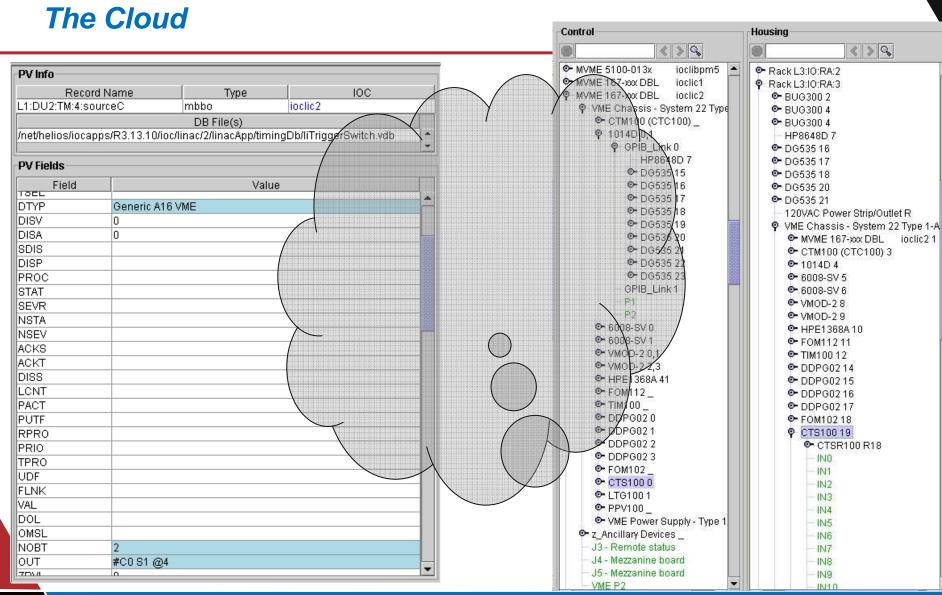




The Cloud









Dispersing the Cloud

- The missing link to allow fully automatic discovery of the relationship between a Process Variable and a field signal occurs at the device support layer (unique code for each device type).
- If an additional lookup table (link_rule table) were available that identified the relationship between the INP/OUT specifiers and the device port (or parameter), the relationship could be "mined" by an intelligent "crawler" script. Such a table would look similar to the one below:

DSET Routine Name	Expected INP/OUT Structure	Port Identifier Token	Device Port (Connector)	Device Signal Name
devBiAvme9440	#C_ S_ @< string>	S0	P1	INP00
devBiAvme9440	#C_ S_ @< string>	S1	P1	INP01
devBiAvme9440	#C_ S_ @< string>	S2	P1	INP02
devBiAvme9440	#C_ S_ @< string>	S3	P1	INP02
devAiDg535	#L_ A_ @	@2	A_Out	A_Out
devAiDg535	#L_ A_ @	@3	B_Out	B_Out
devAiDg535	#L_ A_ @	@4	C_Out	C_Out
devAiDg535	#L_ A_ @	@5	D_Out	D_Out



Exhaustive??

- Such a table would disperse the cloud for only a portion of component types. What about:
 - Multiple modules using the same device support
 - Dynamic I/O fields, such as scalc records or "gpib" records
 - Data fetched from PLCs (the ladder logic is another cloud!)
 - Serial devices for which the ports are configured in st.cmd

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# configure serial port(s)
initOctalUART("octalUartO","ipMV162","IP_c",8,0x68)
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-O","octalUartO",0,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-1","octalUartO",1,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-2","octalUartO",2,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-3","octalUartO",3,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-4","octalUartO",4,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initOctalUARTPort("UART-O-5","octalUartO",5,9600,"N",1,8,"N")
initSerialServer("FLAG1","UART-O-0",1000,20,"",0)
initSerialServer("FLAG2","UART-O-1",1000,20,"",0)
initSerialServer("FLAG4","UART-O-3",1000,20,"",0)
initSerialServer("FLAG6","UART-O-4",1000,20,"",0)
initSerialServer("FLAG6","UART-O-4",1000,20,"",0)
initSerialServer("FLAG6","UART-O-5",1000,20,"",0)
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